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43. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and combinations thereof.

44. The floor mat of Claim 41, wherein the protrusions are on the bottom of said mat.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the application to change or correct the priority claim to delete priority to U.S. patent applications 09/374,707 and 09/374,321 and to add a priority claim to U.S. application 09/653,785.

Also, Applicant has amended the application to correct a typographical error or informality on page 2, line 3, changing "patent" to - -patents- - and on page 33, line 23, changing "tat" to - -at- -.

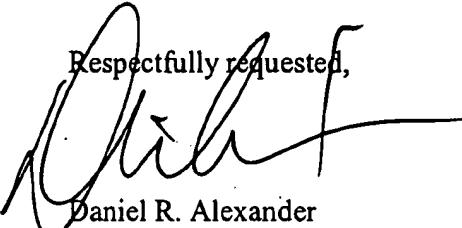
Attached hereto is a marked up copy of the revised paragraph, revised claims, and new claims for the Examiner's convenience.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee as may be required for timely acceptance of the Amendment transmitted herewith and to credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully requested,

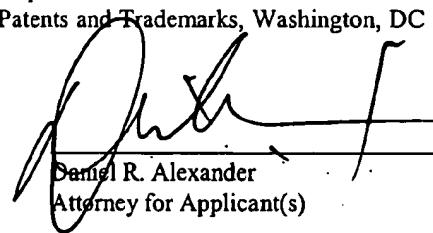
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